

**DENTAL BOARD[650]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 147.34 and 153.21, the Dental Board amends Chapter 11, “Licensure to Practice Dentistry or Dental Hygiene,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments allow applicants applying for licensure by examination to take the same nationally recognized regional examinations currently accepted by applicants who apply for licensure by credentials; require applicants who have held licenses in other states for one year or longer to apply for licensure by credentials; clarify the practice requirements for applicants applying for licensure by credentials; remove special transitional period language that is no longer applicable; remove references to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank; clarify both the name of the examination and the agency administering the examination; allow jurisprudence examinations to be administered by other entities; and require applicants to attain a grade of 75 percent on the jurisprudence examination, the national dental examination, and the national hygiene examination.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on August 31, 2016, as **ARC 2701C**. A public hearing was held on September 21, 2016, at 2 p.m. at the office of the Dental Board. One attendee was present, Emily Boge, Dental Administrative Chair from Hawkeye Community College. Ms. Boge stated that she was supportive of the amendments. Written comments were received from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics, the Iowa Dental Association, the Iowa Dental Hygiene Association and Dr. Howard Cohen. All entities expressed support for the amendments.

These amendments differ from those originally published under Notice as they now clarify the name of the agency administering the examination and that applicants must attain a minimum grade of 75 percent on the jurisprudence examination, the national dental examination, and the national hygiene examination.

The Board reviewed and discussed the amendments during its October 13, 2016, open-session meeting and allowed additional comments from the public. These amendments were approved by the Board on October 13, 2016.

These amendments are subject to waiver or variance pursuant to 650—Chapter 7.

After analysis and review of this rule making, there is no impact on jobs.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 147 and 153.

These amendments will become effective January 25, 2017.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 11.2(1) as follows:

**11.2(1)** Applications for licensure by examination to practice dentistry in this state shall be made on the form provided by the board and must be ~~complete and include~~ completely answered, including required credentials and documents. An applicant who has held a dental license issued in another state for one year or longer must apply for licensure by credentials pursuant to rule 650—11.3(153).

ITEM 2. Rescind paragraph **11.2(2)“c.”**

ITEM 3. Reletter paragraphs **11.2(2)“d”** to **“j”** as **11.2(2)“c”** to **“i.”**

ITEM 4. Amend relettered paragraph **11.2(2)“c”** as follows:

*c. Documentation of passage of national dental examination. Evidence of ~~successful completion of attaining a grade of at least 75 percent on~~ the examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations. ~~Any dentist who has lawfully practiced dentistry in another state or territory for five years may be exempted from presenting this evidence.~~*

ITEM 5. Amend relettered paragraph **11.2(2)“d”** as follows:

*d. Documentation of passage of a regional clinical examination.*

(1) Successful passage of ~~CRDTS~~ a regional clinical examination within the previous five-year period with a grade of at least 75 percent. ~~Evidence of having successfully completed in the last five years the examination administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS).~~

(2) Special transition period for dentists passing WREB or ADEX examination prior to September 1, 2011. An applicant who has successfully taken and passed the WREB or ADEX examination within the five years prior to September 1, 2011, may apply for licensure by examination by submitting ~~evidence of successful completion of the WREB or ADEX examination.~~ The following regional examinations are approved by the board for purposes of licensure by examination: the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. examination as administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), the Western Regional Examining Board examination as administered by the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), the Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. examination as administered by the Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. (SRTA), and the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. examination as administered by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) and the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies, Inc. (CITA).

ITEM 6. Amend relettered paragraph **11.2(2)“e”** as follows:

*e. Explanation of any legal or administrative actions.* A statement disclosing and explaining any disciplinary actions, investigations, complaints, malpractice claims, judgments, settlements, or criminal charges ~~including the results of a self-query of the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB) and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB).~~

ITEM 7. Amend relettered paragraph **11.2(2)“g”** as follows:

*g. Documentation of passage of jurisprudence examination.* Evidence of successful completion ~~of the a board-approved jurisprudence examination administered by the Iowa dental board~~ with a grade of at least 75 percent.

ITEM 8. Amend paragraph **11.3(2)“b”** as follows:

*b. Evidence of successful completion of attaining a grade of at least 75 percent on the examination of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or evidence of having passed attaining a grade of at least 75 percent on a written examination during the last ten years that is comparable to the examination given by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations.* Any dentist who has lawfully practiced dentistry in another state or territory for five years may be exempted from presenting this evidence.

ITEM 9. Amend subparagraph **11.3(2)“e”(1)** as follows:

(1) ~~Passed an examination approved by the board in accordance with Iowa Code section 147.34(1) and administered by a regional or national testing service. The clinical examinations approved by the board are specified in 650—subrule 12.1(5) Has less than three consecutive years of practice immediately prior to the filing of the application and evidence of attaining a grade of at least 75 percent on a regional clinical examination within the previous five-year period. The following regional examinations are approved by the board for purposes of licensure by credentials: the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. examination as administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), the Western Regional Examining Board examination as administered by the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), the Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. examination as administered by the Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. (SRTA), and the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. examination as administered by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) and the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies, Inc. (CITA); or~~

ITEM 10. Amend paragraph **11.3(2)“g”** as follows:

*g. A statement disclosing and explaining any disciplinary actions, investigations, malpractice claims, complaints, judgments, settlements, or criminal charges, including the results of a self-query of the National Practitioners Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB).*

ITEM 11. Amend paragraph **11.3(2)“j”** as follows:

*j.* Evidence of successful completion of ~~the~~ a board-approved jurisprudence examination administered by the Iowa dental board with a grade of at least 75 percent.

ITEM 12. Amend subrule 11.5(1) as follows:

**11.5(1)** Applications for licensure to practice dental hygiene in this state shall be made on the form provided by the dental hygiene committee and must be completely answered, including required credentials and documents. An applicant who has held a dental hygiene license issued in another state for one year or longer must apply for licensure by credentials pursuant to rule 650—11.6(153).

ITEM 13. Rescind paragraph **11.5(2)“c.”**

ITEM 14. Reletter paragraphs **11.5(2)“d”** to **“j”** as **11.5(2)“c”** to **“i.”**

ITEM 15. Amend relettered paragraph **11.5(2)“c”** as follows:

*c.* ~~Documentation of completion~~ passage of national dental hygiene examination. Evidence of ~~successful completion of~~ attaining a grade of at least 75 percent on the examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations.

ITEM 16. Amend relettered paragraph **11.5(2)“d”** as follows:

*d.* ~~Passage~~ Documentation of passage of a regional clinical examination.

(1) ~~Successful passage of CRDTS a regional clinical examination within the previous five-year period with a grade of at least 75 percent. Evidence of having successfully completed in the last five years the examination administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS).~~

(2) ~~Special transition period for dental hygienists passing WREB examination prior to September 1, 2011. An applicant who has successfully taken and passed the WREB examination within the five years prior to September 1, 2011, may apply for licensure by examination by submitting evidence of successful completion of the WREB examination. The following regional examinations are approved by the board for purposes of licensure by examination: the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. examination as administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), the Western Regional Examining Board examination as administered by the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), the Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. examination as administered by the Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. (SRTA), and the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. examination as administered by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) and the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies, Inc. (CITA).~~

ITEM 17. Amend relettered paragraph **11.5(2)“f”** as follows:

*f.* ~~Documentation of passage of jurisprudence examination. Evidence of successful completion of the a board-approved jurisprudence examination administered by the dental hygiene committee with a grade of at least 75 percent.~~

ITEM 18. Amend relettered paragraph **11.5(2)“h”** as follows:

*h.* ~~Explanation of any legal or administrative actions. A statement disclosing and explaining any disciplinary actions, investigations, complaints, malpractice claims, judgments, settlements, or criminal charges, including the results of a self-query of the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB) and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB).~~

ITEM 19. Amend paragraph **11.6(2)“b”** as follows:

*b.* Evidence of ~~successful completion of~~ attaining a grade of at least 75 percent on the examination of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or evidence of ~~having passed~~ attaining a grade of at least 75 percent on a written examination that is comparable to the examination given by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations. Any dental hygienist who has lawfully practiced dental hygiene in another state or territory for five or more years may be exempted from presenting this evidence.

ITEM 20. Amend subparagraph **11.6(2)“e”(1)** as follows:

(1) ~~Passed an examination approved by the board in accordance with Iowa Code section 147.34(1) and administered by a regional or national testing service. The clinical examinations approved by the board are specified in 650—subrule 12.3(5). Has less than three consecutive years of practice~~

immediately prior to the filing of the application and evidence of attaining a grade of at least 75 percent on a regional clinical examination within the previous five-year period. The following regional examinations are approved by the board for purposes of licensure by examination: the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. examination as administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), the Western Regional Examining Board examination as administered by the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), the Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. examination as administered by the Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. (SRTA), and the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. examination as administered by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) and the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies, Inc. (CITA); or

ITEM 21. Amend paragraph **11.6(2)“g”** as follows:

*g.* A statement disclosing and explaining any disciplinary actions, investigations, complaints, malpractice claims, judgments, settlements, or criminal charges, including the results of a self-query of the National ~~Practitioners~~ Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) ~~and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB).~~

ITEM 22. Amend paragraph **11.6(2)“j”** as follows:

*j.* Successful completion of ~~the a board-approved~~ a board-approved jurisprudence examination ~~administered by the dental hygiene committee with a grade of at least 75 percent.~~

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